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In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 3.

Please amend claims 1 and 11 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length targeted to a nucleic acid molecule encoding human interleukin 8 (SEQ ID NO:3), wherein said compound specifically hybridizes with said nucleic acid molecule encoding human interleukin 8 and inhibits the expression of human interleukin.

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11. (Amended) A compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length which specifically hybridizes with at least an 8-nucleobase portion of an active site on a nucleic acid molecule encoding human interleukin 8 (SEQ ID NO:3).

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claim 3 has been canceled. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these amendments and the following remarks. Claim 3 of the present application has been subjected to a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 and 37 C.F.R. §1.141 by the Examiner in this case. The Examiner suggests that claim 3